

AVID Update from Friday Harbor

Today we went to the tide pools on Cattle Point. We hiked down to the beach and got into groups. Each group got a bucket to collect sea creatures. Mr. Davis said we were scientist-collecting data. We each got our own section; a zone to search. Some of the animals we found were crabs, sea anemones, a variety of starfish, sea squirt, chitins, hermit crabs, and other marvelous creatures. We identified the creatures and classified them into their phylum and presented our data to our peers.

-Adrian Camacho and Tyler Menger

A highlight for me was getting to see the sea creatures because in Colorado you would never have that opportunity. Also, the sunflower starfish was crazy, it felt so weird; soapy and the tentacles stick to you.

-Ariel Alonso

Pause.

-Balkan Shani

AngeVine students have been **I**nspirational. Ariel fractured his ankle in March and got a walking boot on Friday. He has been a trooper since the get go. Our first day we walked miles; my feet were sore last night, I don't know how he did it! We made an executive decision it would be best for Ariel not to participate in today's tide pool experience due to the terrain and the fact we would be in water. In our morning class Mr. Davis went over the details of the excursion and by the end Ariel convinced us otherwise. It was clear he shouldn't miss the opportunity. Cattle Point is about 200 feet above the beach and Ariel painstakingly went down the rocky path on his bottom and hobbled his way to the tide pools. He wasn't about to miss out on the exploration of the tide pools. **D**etermination with a capital "**D**". Other students took his backpack, spotted him along the way, and escorted him so he wasn't alone. Time after time today students demonstrated kindness and compassion.

-Linda Arroyo-Holmstrom

Salish Ocean was very cool. It has a lot of interesting animals.

-Jasmine Trujillo